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Applicant: Atsushi Tai  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2002, requesting an election of species, I submits the Remarks presented below.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 6 remain in this application.

The Office Action requires election of a species from the following: Species 1, drawn to Figures 1 – 14; Species 2, drawn to Figures 15 and 16; Species 3, drawn to Figures 17 and 18; and Species 4, drawn to Figures 19 and 20.

I elect Species 1 which reads on claims 1 – 4.

In light of the foregoing, I am now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims